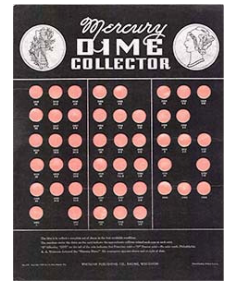


# *Coin Board News*

## For Collectors of Antique Coin Boards

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**DRY SPELL CONTINUES** Though I picked up a few boards for my own collection (see **BOOK UPDATES**) there was very little in the way of items to place with my customers. A couple of pieces were sold to want lists, but nothing rare. I do, however, have a very good stock of first generation (1939-50) coin folders, and I see this as great collecting area going forward. Write me if you have an interest in this mostly untapped field.

**GONE HOLLYWOOD** The addition of the complete catalog of *CBN* issues to the Newman Numismatic Portal served to highlight my publication's plain, homespun appearance, so I've dressed it up a bit with new illustrations and some color. Those of you who received a copy of *CBN* 39 subsequent to the original mass mailing saw a preview of the new look, as I redid that issue in the format seen here. In celebration of this upgrade, I've decided to make this 40<sup>th</sup> issue a bonus one, with extra text and illustrations.

**MARKET ACTIVITY** The past quarter's activity on eBay was mostly a replay of the same old story—common boards in so-so condition failing to sell unless they contained desirable coins. There were a few exceptions, such as an Oberwise board for Early Nickels grading Fine or so that sold for \$39.99. Yes, it did contain some low value coins, but the sale price reflected mostly the value of the board. A trio of rare first printings from the Whitman Second Edition, these lacking a copyright date, sold for strong money. Each appeared to grade Very Fine, and though of common titles brought from \$30-40 apiece. Another lot included three Whitman Fourth Edition boards grading Fine and with some dustiness to their faces, but this was a fair purchase at \$28.99 plus shipping. An early printing of Lincoln's Early Nickel board grading Very Fine was offered at a low opening bid. I tried to secure it for resale at a slight advance, but I was bested by someone who offered \$40. This was a real bargain for the buyer.

**HOLDING PATTERN** Last quarter I announced that *COINage Magazine* was about to publish an article by Joshua McMorrow-Hernandez regarding the collecting of various kinds of coin holders, but it's now uncertain when this will run. I was extensively interviewed for this piece in an effort to bring more attention to our hobby.

**BOOK UPDATES** Several new board varieties have surfaced recently, and I'm pleased to say that most of these found their ways into my own collection. It's not often that I can report a new Kent board, but this time out we have two! K1¢A2a.3 has a beige backing but is otherwise similar to varieties a.1 and a.2. My book's listing of K1¢A2b with its tan backing has been renumbered to K1¢A2b.1, while new variety K1¢A2b.2 has a beige backing. W25¢C2f is now W25¢C2f.1, since new variety W25¢C2f.2 has the second paragraph of the backing text expanded to entirely fill the last line, as on later printings of that title. Thanks to Donald Kocken for spotting this one.

New varieties of Oberwise boards are reported nearly every quarter, and the past few months have produced a bumper crop. O1¢Ax is similar to O1¢Aq in my book, aside from its "x" backing. O1¢Bu is now known in three sub-varieties: O1¢Bu.1 has mintages for two months of 1940, u.2 has four months, and u.3 has five months. O1¢Bx.4 is new with dates and mintages complete through 1944. Entirely new are O5¢Ax and O5¢Bd, the latter a rare, early printing of the Buffalo Nickel board having marbled face paper. The existing O5¢Cx.2 gets bumped to x.3 to allow for newly-discovered O5¢Cx.2 that has dates through 1945 and incomplete mintages through 1943.

**BIO UPDATE** One of the frustrations of researching coin board publishers is that so little information has been found for Leiser W. Schnelling, who produced the beloved Colonial Coin & Stamp Company boards. I did recently learn, however, that he was released from military service on February 2, 1943, just over four months after enlisting. As a naturalized citizen from an enemy nation, I imagine he wanted to demonstrate his love for America, but at the age of 45 it's likely that he was thanked and sent home as too old for boot camp.

**VINTAGE COIN BOARD SIGHTINGS** I've come across two more appearances of coin boards in old photos published within *The E-Sylum*, the online newsletter of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society ([www.coinbooks.org](http://www.coinbooks.org)), and these are included with this issue of *CBN*. The first shows coin dealer William A. Gaede of the Pittsburgh Coin Exchange in a photo that originally ran in the May 1941 issue of *The Hobbyist*. On a shelf to his right are four Colonial Coin and Stamp Company boards. In the second photo, which dates to about 1979, Robert W. Cornerly poses behind his desk at Rare Coins of Georgia in Atlanta. On that desk is another CC&S board that is just barely identifiable as Eagle/Indian Cent board C1&A2b. Here's a link to *The E-Sylum* article: [http://www.coinbooks.org/esylum\\_v19n32a16.html](http://www.coinbooks.org/esylum_v19n32a16.html). If you're not reading this weekly newsletter you're really missing out on the heart and soul of numismatic literary research and gossip.

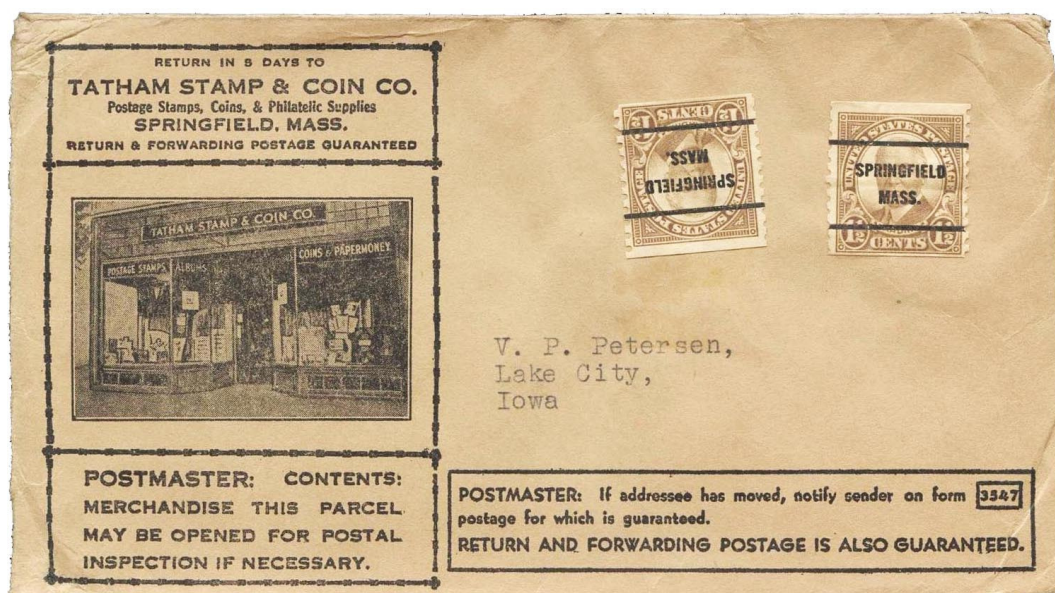
**RESEARCHING COIN BOARDS, FOLDERS AND ALBUMS** Since there's almost nothing on these subjects published, aside from my own books and newsletters, attempting to learn more can be challenging. The recent arrival of easily searchable archives such as those of the Newman Numismatic Portal (<https://nnp.wustl.edu>) and the American Numismatic Association's journal, *The Numismatist* (<https://money.org>), does help considerably. Still, I have to do a lot of digging the Old School way by buying and reading vintage coin company catalogs and coin hobby guidebooks. These are time capsules into what coin storage products were available, who published them and how much they cost when new. This has proved to be more necessary in researching coin folders and albums than it was with coin boards, as the latter were in production for such a short time.

I've amassed quite a library of little paperback books of the sort that other collectors of numismatic literature disdain. For example, I came back from this year's incarnation of the annual ANA book sale with a carton full of old catalogs that were purchased at 25 cents apiece from the "no one cares" pile. This hoard included long runs of the annual catalogs put out by Bebee's in Omaha and Tatham Stamp and Coin Company in Springfield, Massachusetts. Both always featured coin holders and other supplies and have proved to be the richest sources of detailed information. For example, the 1940 Tatham catalog included a full-page ad for Whitman's Third Edition coin boards, though that company's name was not mentioned. This ad is reproduced herein, along with a vintage postal cover from the company dating from the 1920s that I recently acquired.

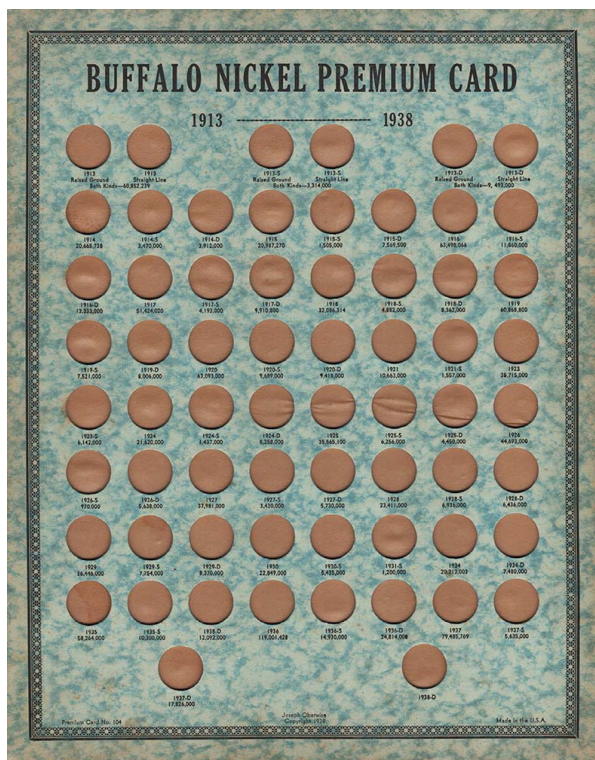
Also included in this issue is a vendor stamp that appears on one of my recent coin board purchases. It's a new one to me, and the list of known vendor stamps is now well over 100.

**ON THE ROAD AGAIN** ...though just barely. My only coin show during the final quarter of 2016 will be the November 3-6 Whitman Baltimore Expo. Stop by the NGC booth to say hello, as I'll have copies of my books for sale upon request.

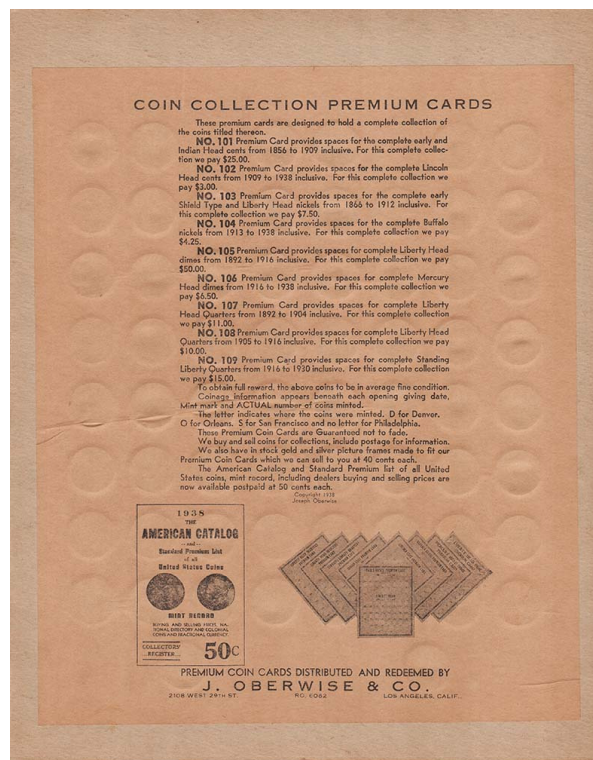
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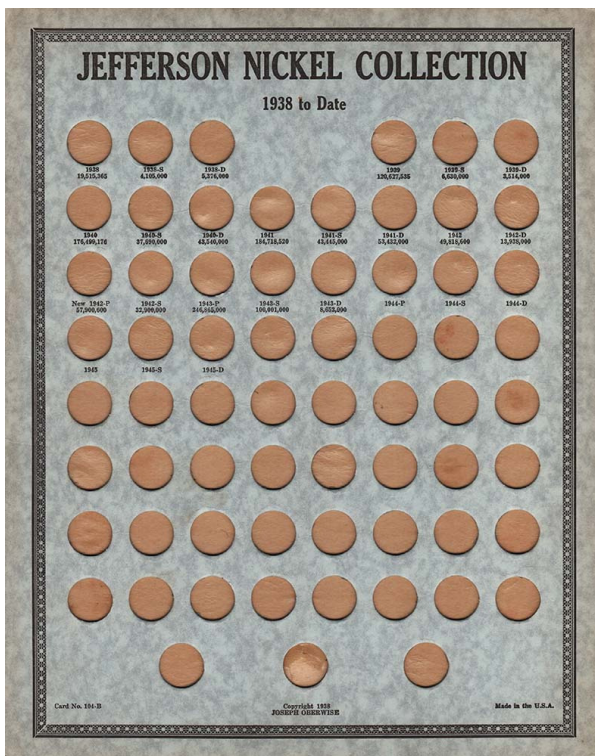
Tatham postal cover from the 1920s



O5cBd face



O5¢Bd back



O5C<sub>x.2</sub> face



From the 1940 Tatham Stamp & Coin Company  
catalog



*The Author looking over a few  
Yugoslavia Coins*



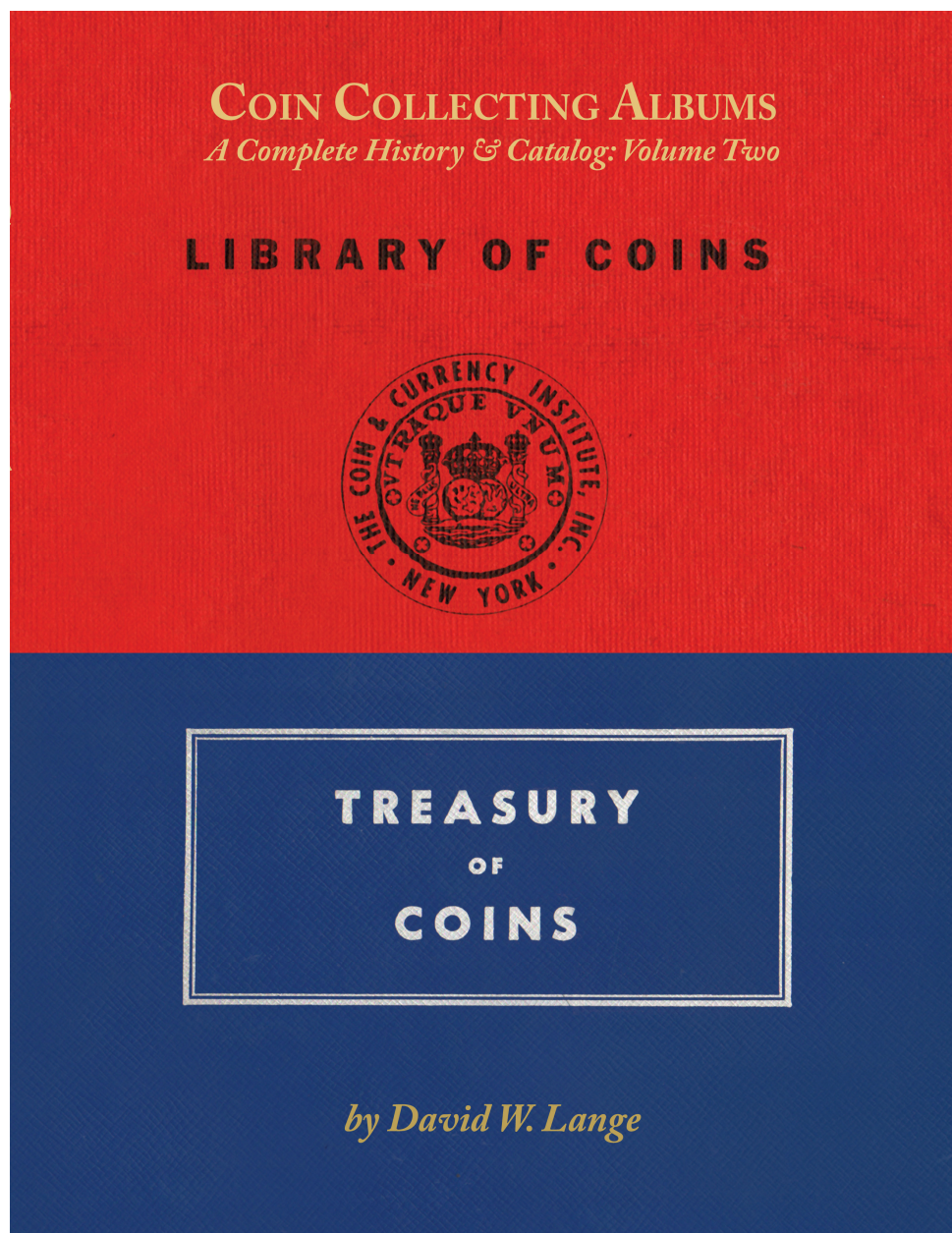
*Robert W. Cornely, a collector and a dealer in coins, holds a proof set  
in his hands. On the desk in front of him are currency in holders and  
coins encased in plastic. A display unit for paper money is on the wall  
of his office.*

Vintage sightings of Colonial Coin and Stamp Company boards from 1941 (left) and circa 1979

1ST ARCADE BOOK SHOP  
101 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Newly identified coin board vendor stamp

# New Book!



Continuing his highly acclaimed series of books about coin boards and albums, numismatic researcher David W. Lange has written *Coin Collecting Albums – A Complete History & Catalog Volume Two: The Library of Coins and the Treasury of Coins*. In addition to providing detailed catalogs and photos of both coin album lines, this book provides a history of their publisher, The Coin and Currency Institute, and an entertaining biography of the company's founder, famed coin dealer Robert Friedberg. Richly illustrated, this new book has 144 heavy and coated pages, including 64 pages in full color. It is a deluxe, hardcover volume that will last for many years. **The price is \$49.95, plus \$10 for priority mail shipping in a rigid, protective box.**

Also available from Lange's PennyBoard Press™ are his two previous books. *Coin Collecting Albums – A Complete History & Catalog Volume One: The National Coin Album & Related Products of Beistle, Raymond & Meghrig*. Published at \$75, this deluxe, hardcover book is now available at just \$49.95. *Coin Collecting Boards of the 1930s & 1940s: A Complete History, Catalog and Value Guide*, published at \$39.95, is now just \$19.95. Shipping is the same as for the new book. Call or write for combined shipping of two or more books.

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